

MINUTES
REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING
Thursday, September 11, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Commissioner Llewellyn at 8:38 a.m. at the Reedley Community Center, Sierra Room, 100 North East Avenue, Reedley, California.

2. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

A. **Commissioners Present:** Dolores Edwards; Tom Llewellyn; Marie Medcalf; Carl Smith; Cheri Witter-Lawrence, Alternate.

B. **Commissioners Absent:** Excused - Carl Smith.

C. **Staff Present:** Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.

D. **Others Present:** Marilyn Vose.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Medcalf that the minutes of August 28, 2014 be approved. The motion carried.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Senior Prom Planning** – Christina Ontiveros reported that 71 tickets have been sold to date. Friday, September 19th will be the last day to buy tickets. Carl Smith will provide background and dance music. A few volunteers have been busy making the additional corsages that are needed. Placecards will be available for guests to hold their seat once they arrive. Commissioners Medcalf and Edwards volunteered to show up early to set up table decorations. Commissioner Witter-Lawrence volunteered to check people in at the door, along with the YMCA Committee members. Corsages will be pinned on by YMCA. Sydney Furlong, the Fresno State Intern will be at the event to assist in any way needed. Transportation will be provided from the Reedley Community Center parking lot to Sierra View Homes, and back again after the event. A 12 x 12 foot dance floor will be installed. The YMCA will pay for it. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. YMCA will help sell them. Local businesses have been very generous to donate raffle prizes (mostly gift certificates). The Commission will encourage prom goers to support these local businesses. It was suggested that a list of all donators should be posted at the event. If plants are needed to decorate raffle table, etc., Sarah Reid suggested contacting Buttonwillow Nursery who has been generous in the past.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Diaper Derby Planning** – Fliers will be going out soon. Reid suggested printing four to a page (1/4 sheet of paper) and volunteered to have staff deliver to schools. Sierra View Homes will arrange for the judges. The Reedley Senior Commission, Inc. will provide the prize envelopes. Sydney will help with this event, as well.

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8. **POTLUCK REPORT**

A. **Potluck Planning – Special Date – October 28, 2014**

Emcee: Dolores Edwards

Food items: Barbecued Hamburgers – ask Glick to cook them.

Door Prizes: Commissioners Edwards and Medcalf will organize.

Theme: Halloween, including a costume contest. Reid will arrange for 3 judges.

Volunteer of the Month: ?

Entertainment: Commissioner Smith will be asked to provide background music – Seniors enjoy being able to continue talking around the table.

B. **Potluck Planning – Thanksgiving Potluck – November 18, 2014**

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator**

- 1) Visited Ruben Ramirez at Palm Village. He seemed in good spirits. Was recently in the hospital. His son came to help out.
- 2) Trophy case is being updated. It will be divided into three sections – 1 for senior activities; 1 for craft items for sale; 1 for other recreational opportunities at the Community Center.
- 3) Lunch program numbers are up. Although this is good, it means that our maximum meals allotted runs out before the month is over. Christina is planning some alternate meals to continue the program. The City will pay for 2 meals and RSCI will pay for 1. However, two dates they will be closed – September 19 and 30.
- 4) Provided a breakout of responsibilities (City and RSCI) for several of the programs/activities for seniors. Felt this was helpful to see that it truly is a partnership between the two organizations. Alternate Commissioner Witter-Lawrence expressed her concern that much of the work she does in the senior center is not reflected on the list. She felt unappreciated and that her job had been taken away from her. Christina explained that it is a partial list of activities, not a complete list. It can be added to at any time. Christina also expressed her appreciation for her volunteerism.

B. **Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent**

- 1) Offered to sit down with Witter-Lawrence to mediate her concerns.

10. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – None.**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Tom Llewellyn, Acting Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director